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HOUSE MEMORIAL 20

48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2008

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A MEMORIAL

RECOGNIZING JANUARY 25, 2008 AS "ENLACE NEW MEXICO DAY" AT THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WHEREAS, the state of New Mexico is committed to providing access to quality education for all students, from pre-kindergarten through graduate and doctoral studies; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico has a rich multicultural heritage that is rooted in its unique history, geography and relations among its people with different identities, varying languages and diverse narratives; and

WHEREAS, over the past five years, engaging Latino communities for education (ENLACE) New Mexico has established community partnerships, including institutions that prepare students for careers in law, medicine and other professions; and

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1 WHEREAS, ENLACE New Mexico believes in inclusivity and
2 that a Latino-focused educational initiative will create a
3 world-class educational system for all students; and

4 WHEREAS, the work of ENLACE recognizes, validates and
5 embraces the core cultural values of its stakeholders, namely
6 the strength of *familia*, the bonds of *comunidad* and the
7 mutuality of *respeto*; and

8 WHEREAS, bottom-up change is needed in this state with
9 students, parents and communities themselves defining the
10 programmatic and policy issues necessary to effect systemic
11 change; and

12 WHEREAS, elected officials throughout the state have
13 united in a bipartisan effort to support the continuation and
14 expansion of the ENLACE New Mexico mission; and

15 WHEREAS, the New Mexico legislature has shown its
16 commitment to education by demonstrating its support for
17 improving the New Mexico educational system by funding programs
18 such as ENLACE;

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
20 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that January 25,
21 2008 be recognized as "ENLACE New Mexico Day" at the house of
22 representatives and that recognition be extended to ENLACE New
23 Mexico for increasing opportunities for academic achievement,
24 school completion and success in higher education, not only for
25 Latino students, but for all students in New Mexico; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to local chapters of ENLACE statewide.

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